

Andrew Jackson to Amos Kendall, September 4, 1827, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO AMOS KENDALL.¹

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Hermitage, September 4, 1827.

. . . . I have seen Mr Buchanan address, it is such a production as surely I had not a right to expect from him; but we live in days of wonder. Mr. B. situation tho was a delicate one. It would be now only necessary for me to publish Major Eatons statement and Mr Kreamers, contrast them with his, and it would appear that his recollection had materially failed him, Surely no one could believe that Mr. B. would go to my friends, make statements to them, to be communicated to me, and when they had refused—come to me himself, then make a different one; and that I should understand the statement made to me, as my friends did, that which was made to them. And could it be, that Mr. B. would approach me so guarded and cautiously barely with a view to make the inquiry, whether the rumor abroad was correct, that I had said if elected, I would appoint Mr Adams secratary of state. This was a question that might have been asked by any one, without delicacy, and which I would any where have promptly answered. This however is a subject of much delicacy, and is one upon which I shall deliberate fully before I act. . . .